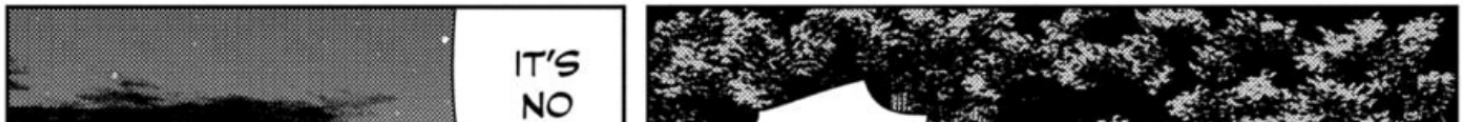
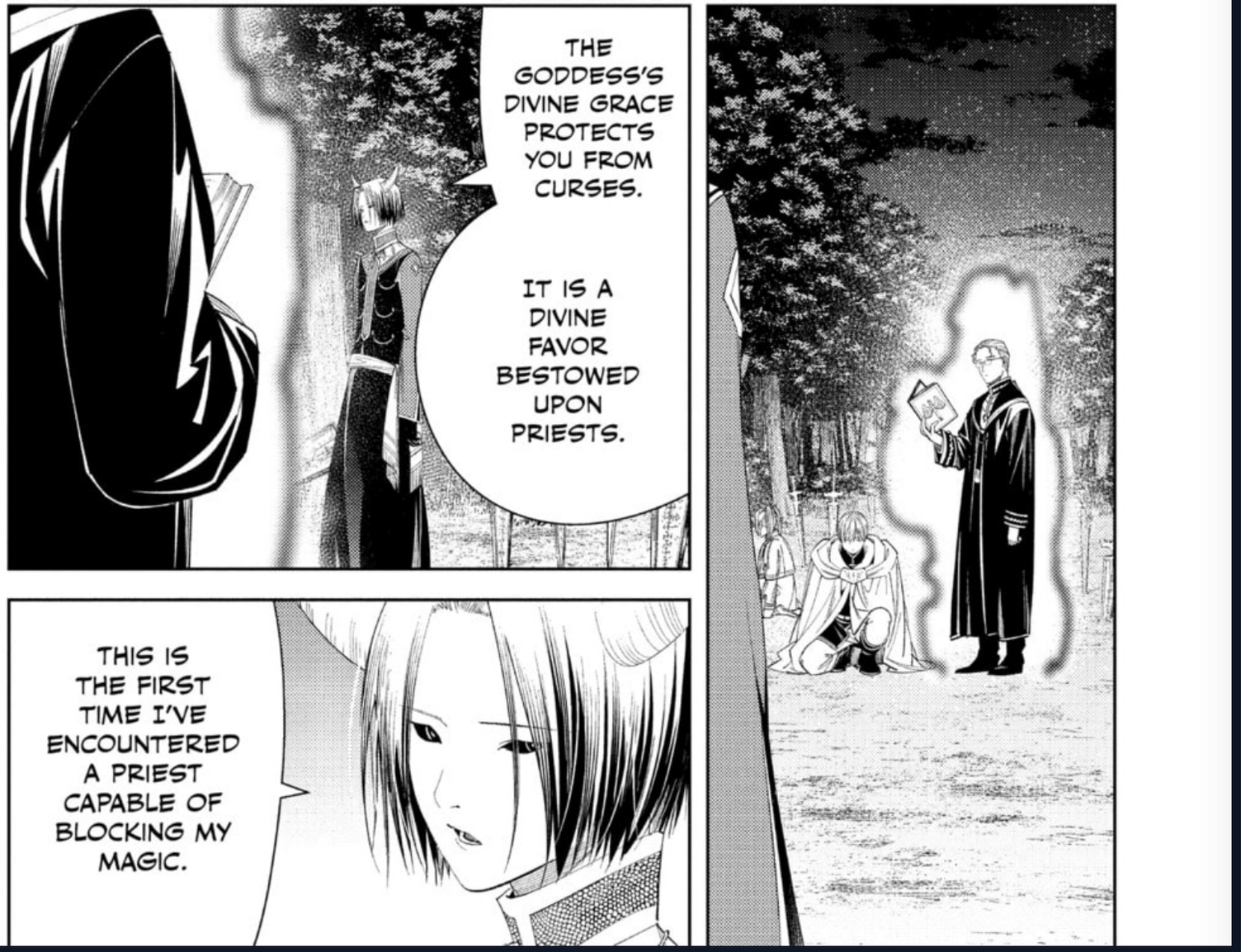
Chapter 118: Vialathor

YOUR BEAUTIFUL DREAM WILL SEEM SO REAL TO YOU...
...THAT YOU SHALL NEVER AWAKEN FROM IT.
WHAT ON...
... EARTH ...?

YOU'VE SURPRISED ME...
THE "GODDESS'S DIVINE GRACE," HUH?
YOU MUST BE AN EXCEPTIONALLY DEVOUT PRIEST.


IT'S NO

USE.
YOUR VOICE CAN NO LONGER REACH HIM.
HIMMEL !!
THEY ARE SUBJECT TO MY HYPNOSIS SPELL...
...AND TRAPPED IN THE DEPTHS OF MY ILLUSION.


THE GODDESS'S DIVINE GRACE PROTECTS YOU FROM CURSES.
IT IS A DIVINE FAVOR BESTOWED UPON PRIESTS.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE ENCOUNTERED A PRIEST CAPABLE OF BLOCKING MY MAGIC.

SEEMS THAT WAY.
I SHOULD HAVE BEHAVED BETTER WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN THE TIDE OF THIS BATTLE ALONE.
BUT HER FAVOR CAN'T PROTECT YOU FOREVER.

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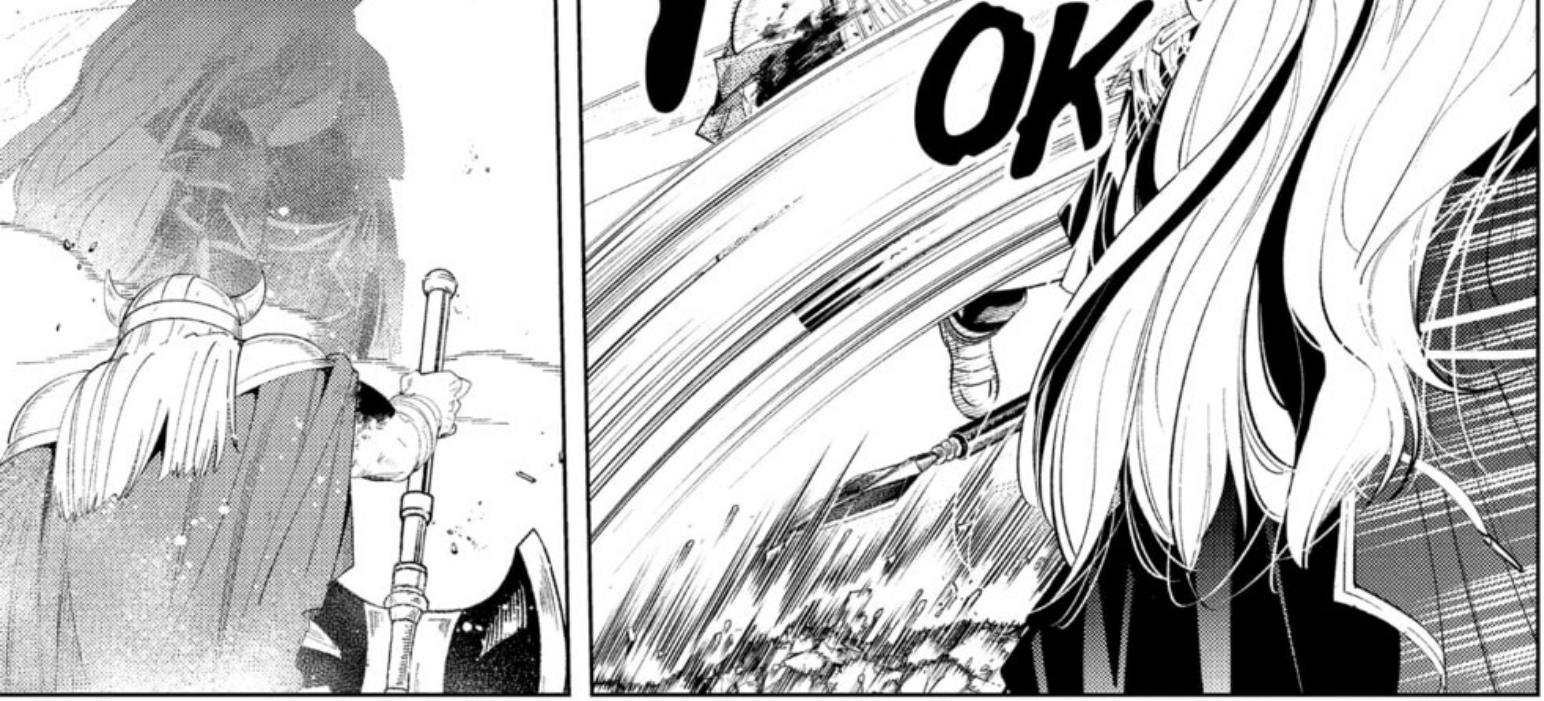
OK

HE'S TOUGH...

WHAT'S WRONG, EISEN?
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?

ARE YOU TRYING TO BUY TIME?
NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU STRUGGLE, IT'S POINTLESS.

HIMMEL THE HERO ALWAYS FINDS A WAY TO MAKE...
...THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE,

I WON'T GIVE UP UNTIL THE VERY END.

EVEN IN MOMENTS OF DOUBT.

YOU MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE.

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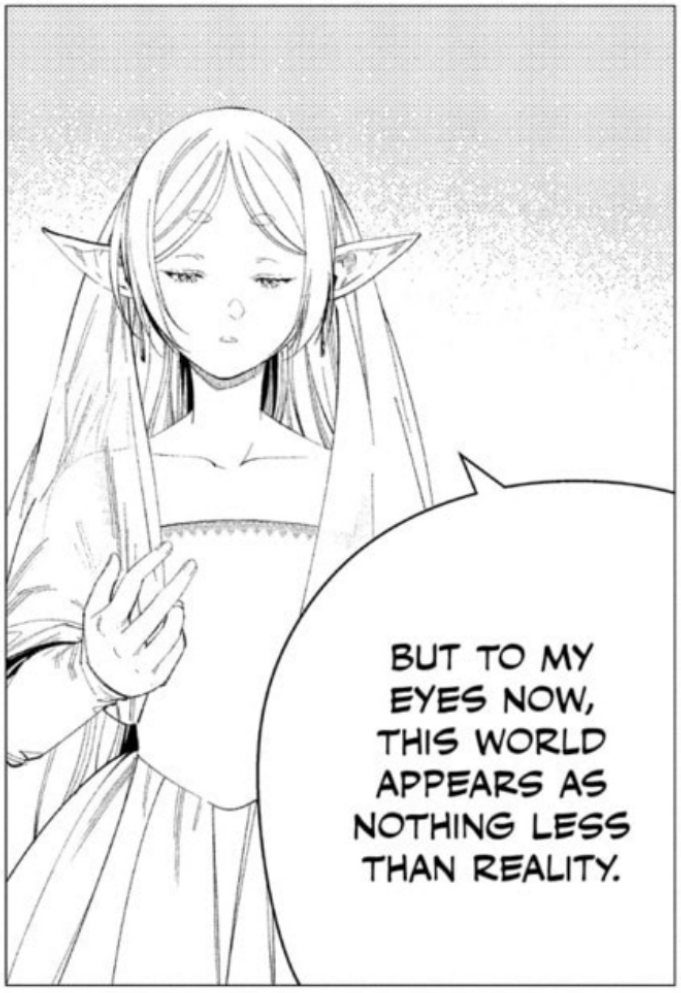
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

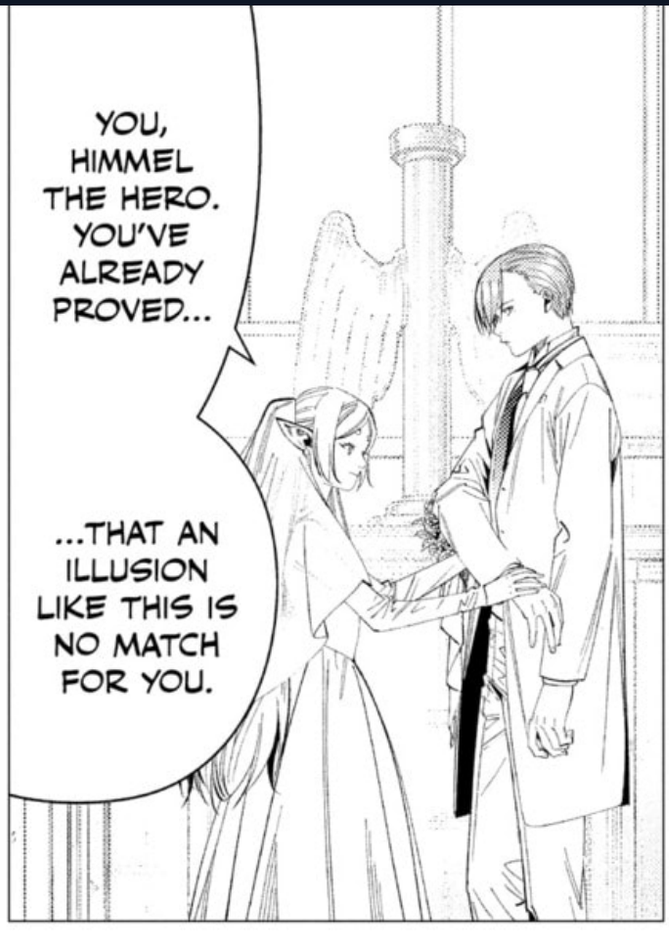
FRIEREN.
YOU KNOW A WAY OUT OF THIS, DON'T YOU?

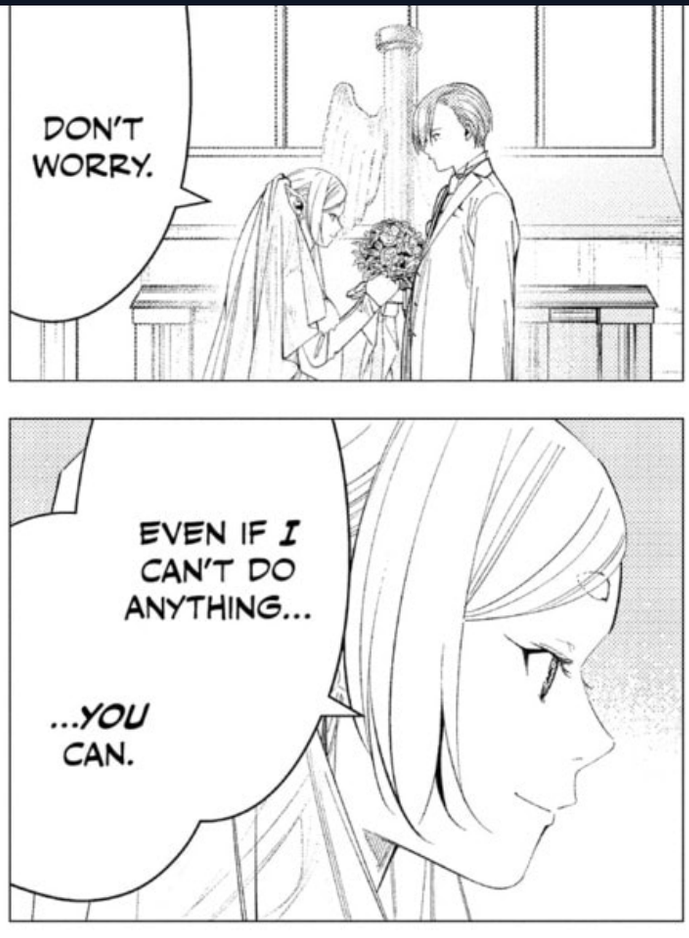
AS I SUSPECTED ...

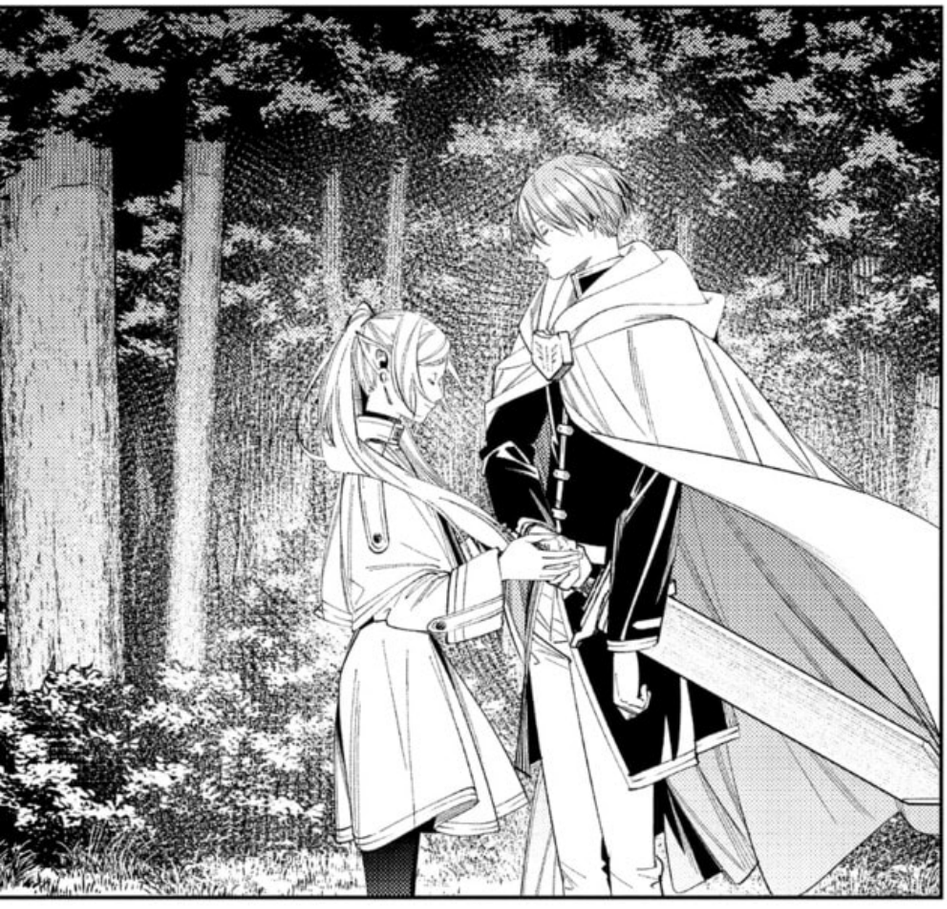

BUT TO MY EYES NOW, THIS WORLD APPEARS AS NOTHING LESS THAN REALITY.

THERE WERE SIGNS THAT SOMEONE BROKE THROUGH MY MENTAL DEFENSES.
WE MUST HAVE BEEN IN A BATTLE WITH A WIELDER OF POWERFUL HYPNOSIS MAGIC.

THEY'RE ALL TELLING ME THIS IS UNMISTAKABLY REAL.
MY SENSES ...
MY MANA DETEC-TION.
MY MEMORY ...
FRIEREN ...
IT TRULY IS A MIRACLE. THERE'S NOTHING MY MAGIC CAN DO AGAINST IT.
THE ONLY ENEMY I CAN THINK OF WHO COULD PULL OFF SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS GRAUSAM THE MIRACULOUS.


YOU, HIMMEL THE HERO. YOU'VE ALREADY PROVED...
...THAT AN ILLUSION LIKE THIS IS NO MATCH FOR YOU.


DON'T WORRY.
EVEN IF *I* CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
...*YOU* CAN.



THEN YOU CAN SENSE YOUR SWORD, RIGHT?

CAN YOU MOVE AT ALL?
OH, C'MON, FRIEREN...

I CAN FIGHT NOW.
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.
YEAH.

IT'S OVER.
HIS EYES ARE CLOSED.
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

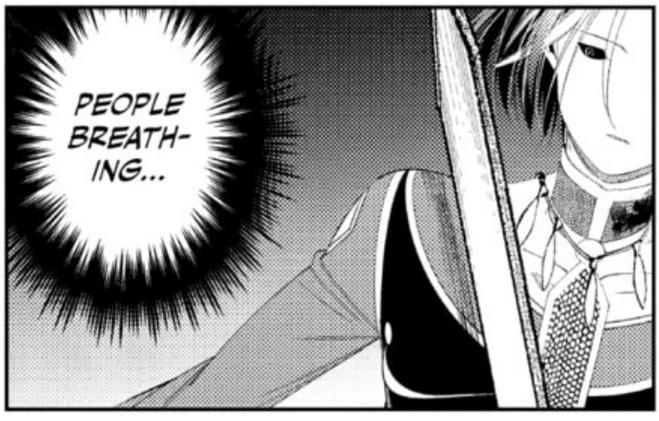
HE'S STILL UNDER MY SPELL.

HE ESCAPED FROM MY ILLUSION?

BUT HOW IS HE DOING THIS?

HOW CAN I BE PRESSED SO HARD...
...BY SOMEONE WHO IS STILL TRAPPED IN MY ILLUSION?

THE RUSTLE OF CLOTHES ...


PEOPLE BREATH-ING...

FOCUS.
DON'T LET THE SOUNDS OF THE WEDDING DISTRACT YOU.
GO AFTER ANYTHING THAT SEEMS OUT OF PLACE, HOWEVER INSIGNIFI-CANT.

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NG
THE PIERCING

BREEZE.
BUT THIS APPLIES TO MAGES AND DEMONS ALIKE.
THIS IS THE PRICE I HAVE TO PAY FOR RELYING ON MANA DETECTION ALL THE TIME.
YUP.
I DON'T HEAR ANY-THING.
YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED ...
...THE HEIGHTENED SENSITIVITY OF THOSE WITHOUT MAGIC.
GRAUSAM.
VERY WELL...
I'LL SEND YOU DEEPER INTO THE ILLUSION.

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MEL!!
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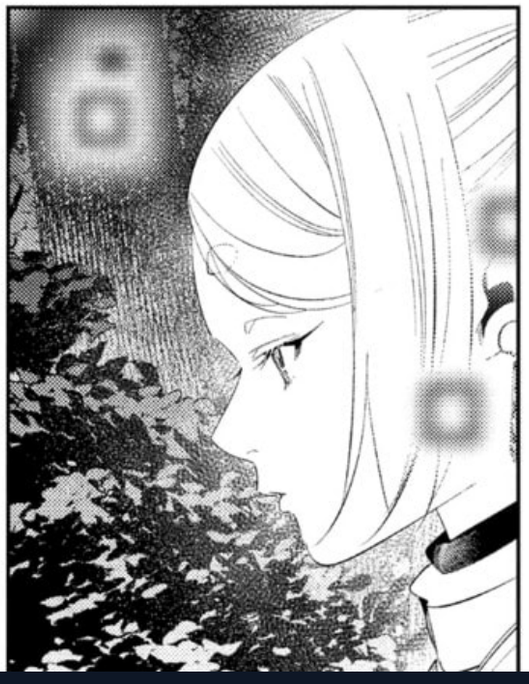

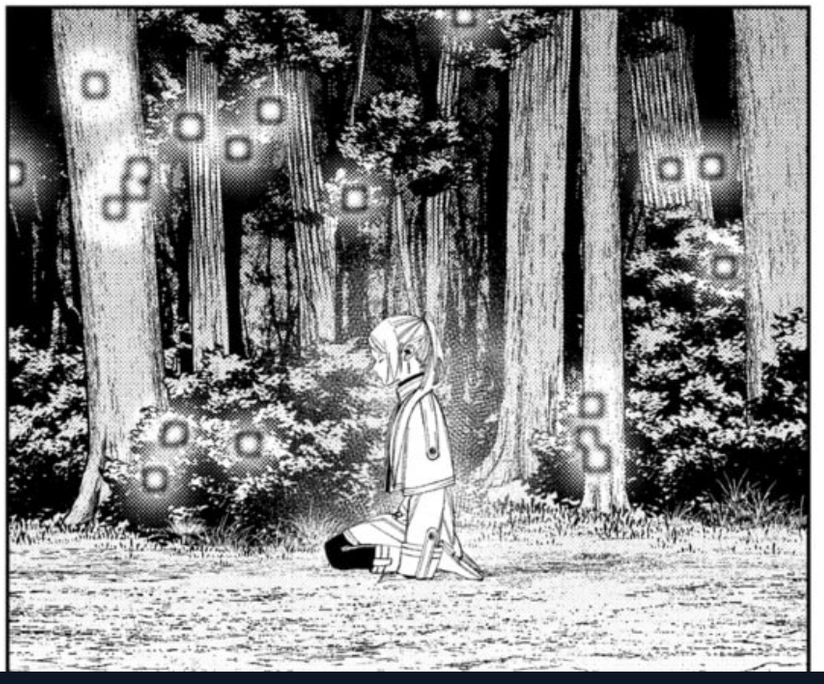

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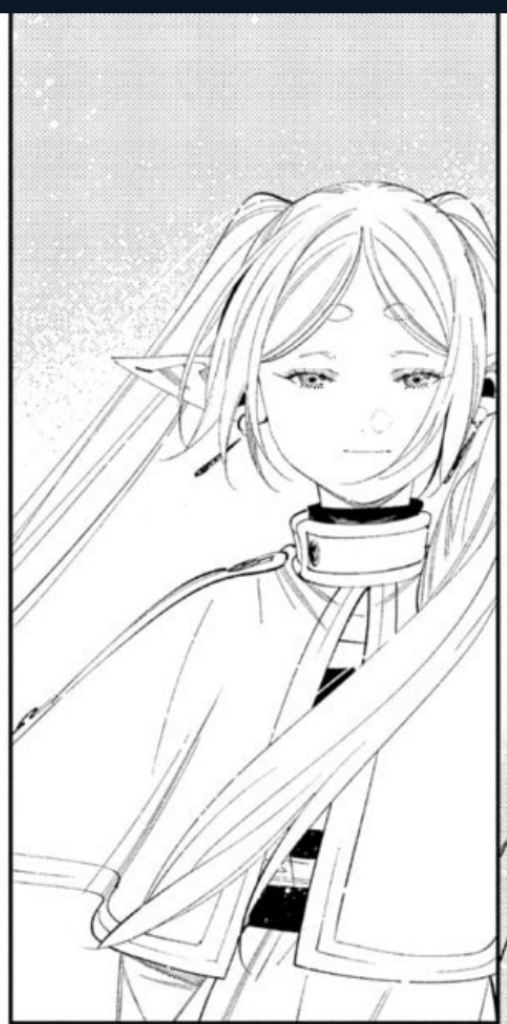
BUT ALL OF THIS HELPED ME...

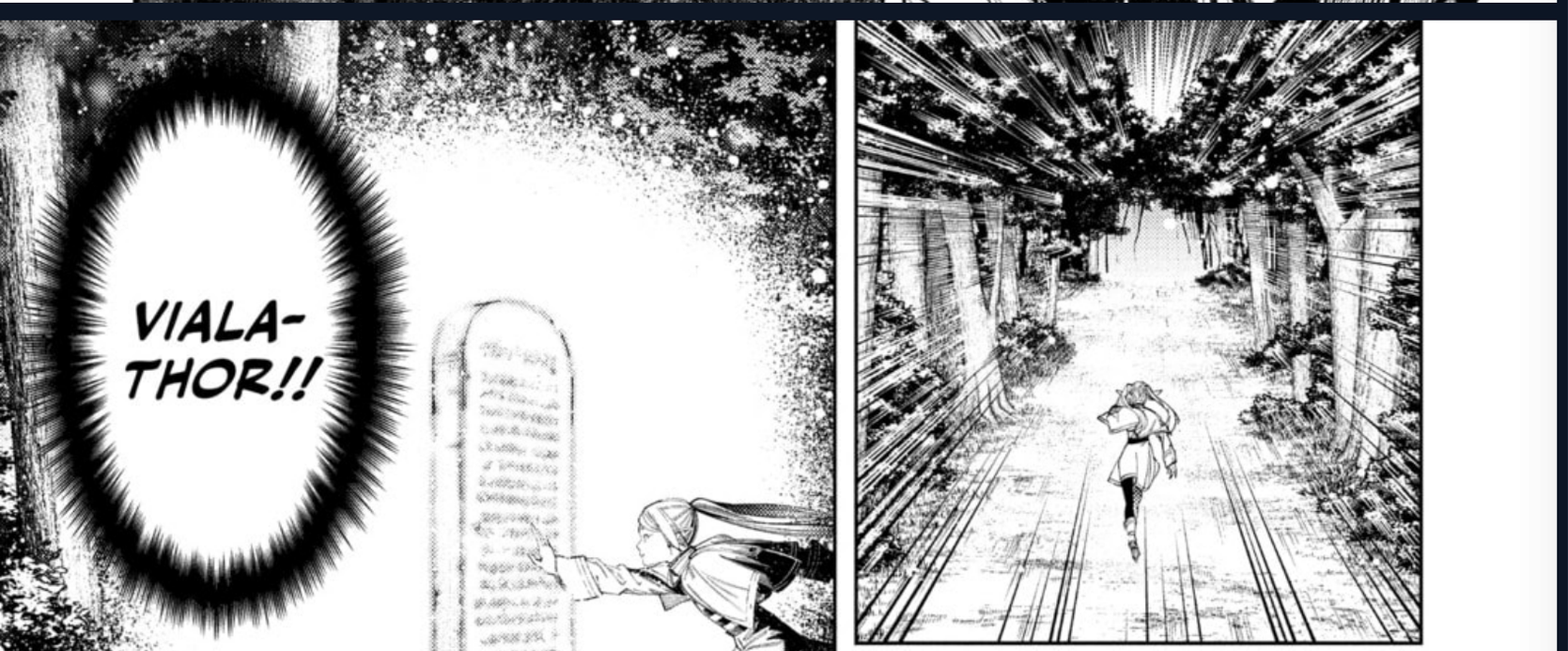
THE ILLUSION'S FINALLY BEEN DISPELLED.
I'D RATHER NOT HAVE TO FIGHT LIKE THAT AGAIN.

...GET A ROUGH IDEA OF THE LOCATION OF THE OTHER DEMON RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE BLADES.

RUN, FRIEREN.
THE MONU-MENT IS NEARBY.
WE'LL DEAL WITH THEM.



DON'T MENTION IT.
IT WAS A REALLY NICE DREAM...
THANK YOU.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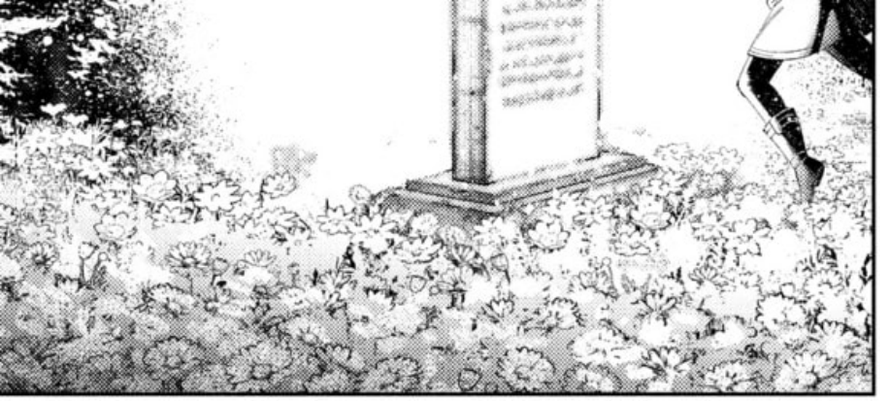
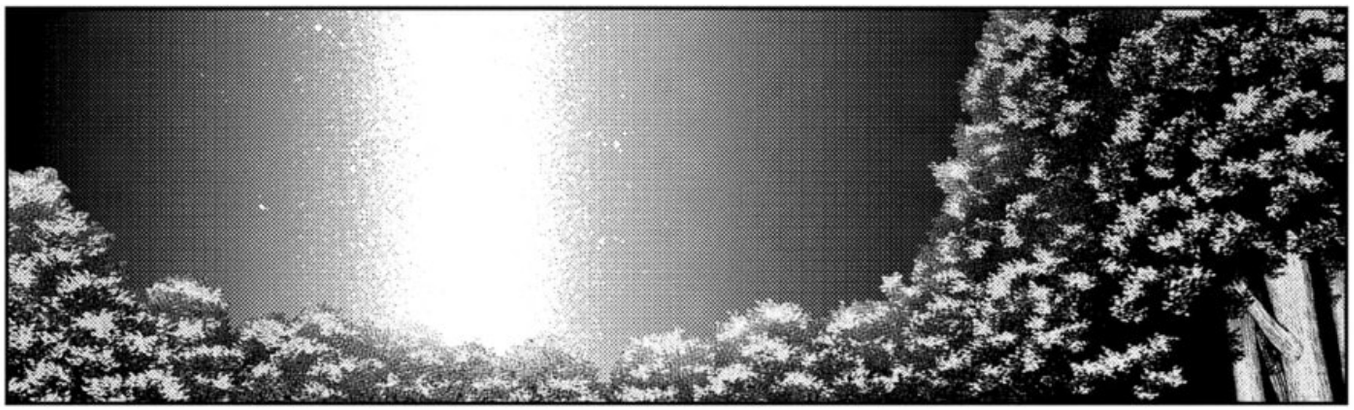




PLEASE DON'T HATE ME FOR WHAT'S COMING NEXT...
...HIMMEL THE HERO.

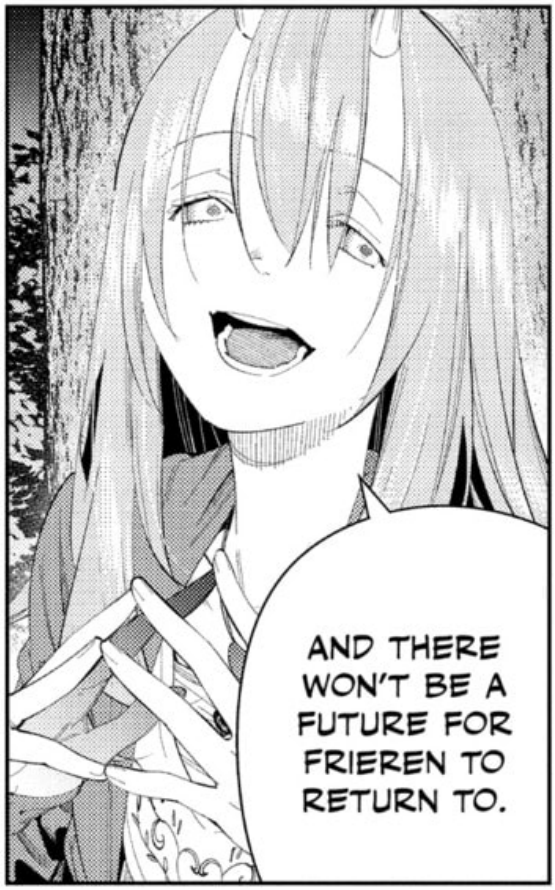
I MUST RESORT TO A WAY OF FIGHTING THAT I'M NOT VERY FOND OF...
...BUT I CAN'T BE PICKY ABOUT IT NOW.

BUT WE DO.
I HAVE NO INTENTION

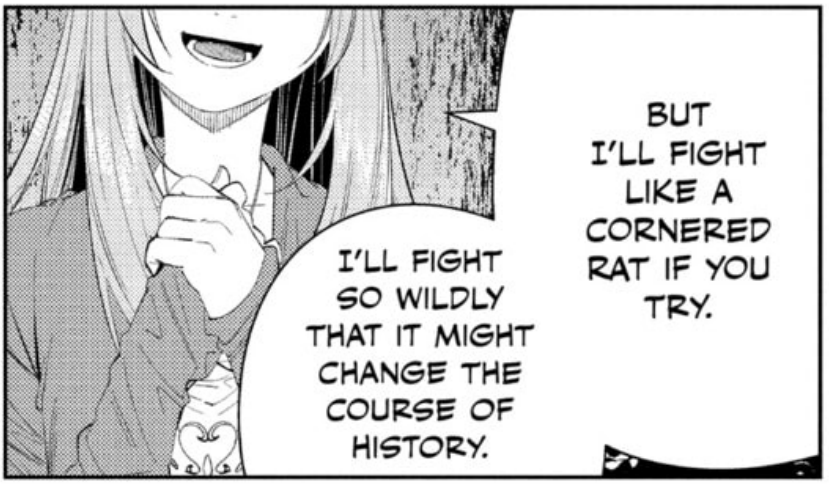
THIS IS OVER.

OF LEAVING GREATER DEMONS LIKE YOU AROUND TO THREATEN OUR FUTURE.
WE'LL END THIS HERE.

WE HAVE NO REASON TO FIGHT ANYMORE.


AND THERE WON'T BE A FUTURE FOR FRIEREN TO RETURN TO.

RIGHT.
PERHAPS SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAN DO IT...
... HIMMEL THE HERO.


BUT I'LL FIGHT LIKE A CORNERED RAT IF YOU TRY.
I'LL FIGHT SO WILDLY THAT IT MIGHT CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

THAT SOUNDS FUN TOO...
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
SHALL WE DANCE?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ASK ME TWICE.

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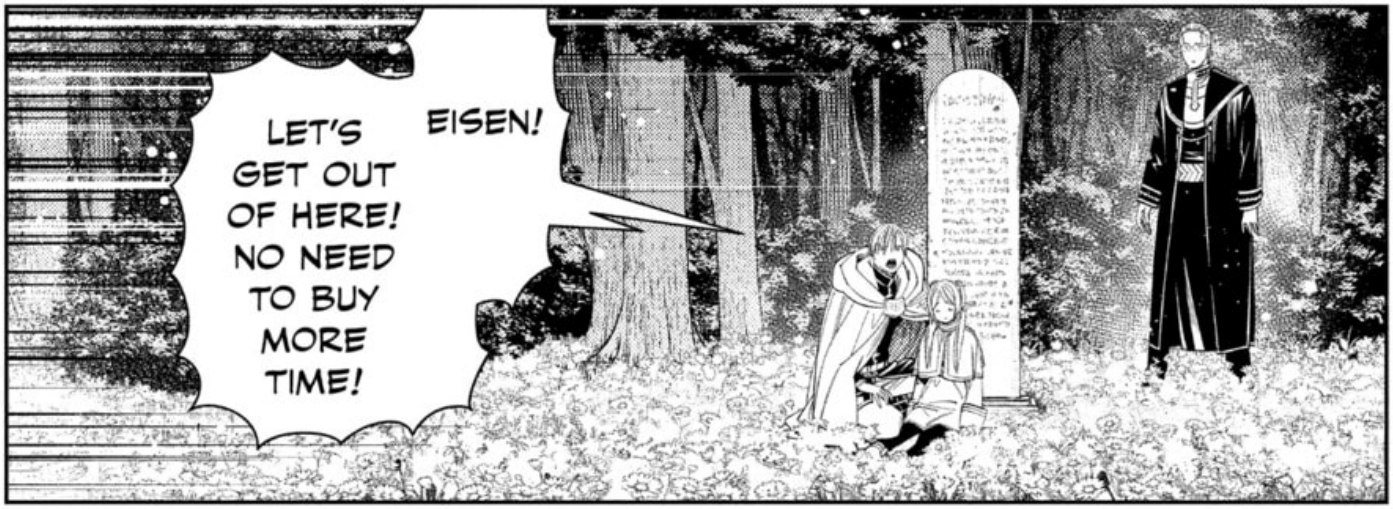
GET LOST.


EISEN!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! NO NEED TO BUY MORE TIME!

EISEN
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DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TURNING YOUR BACK ON YOUR ENEMY.

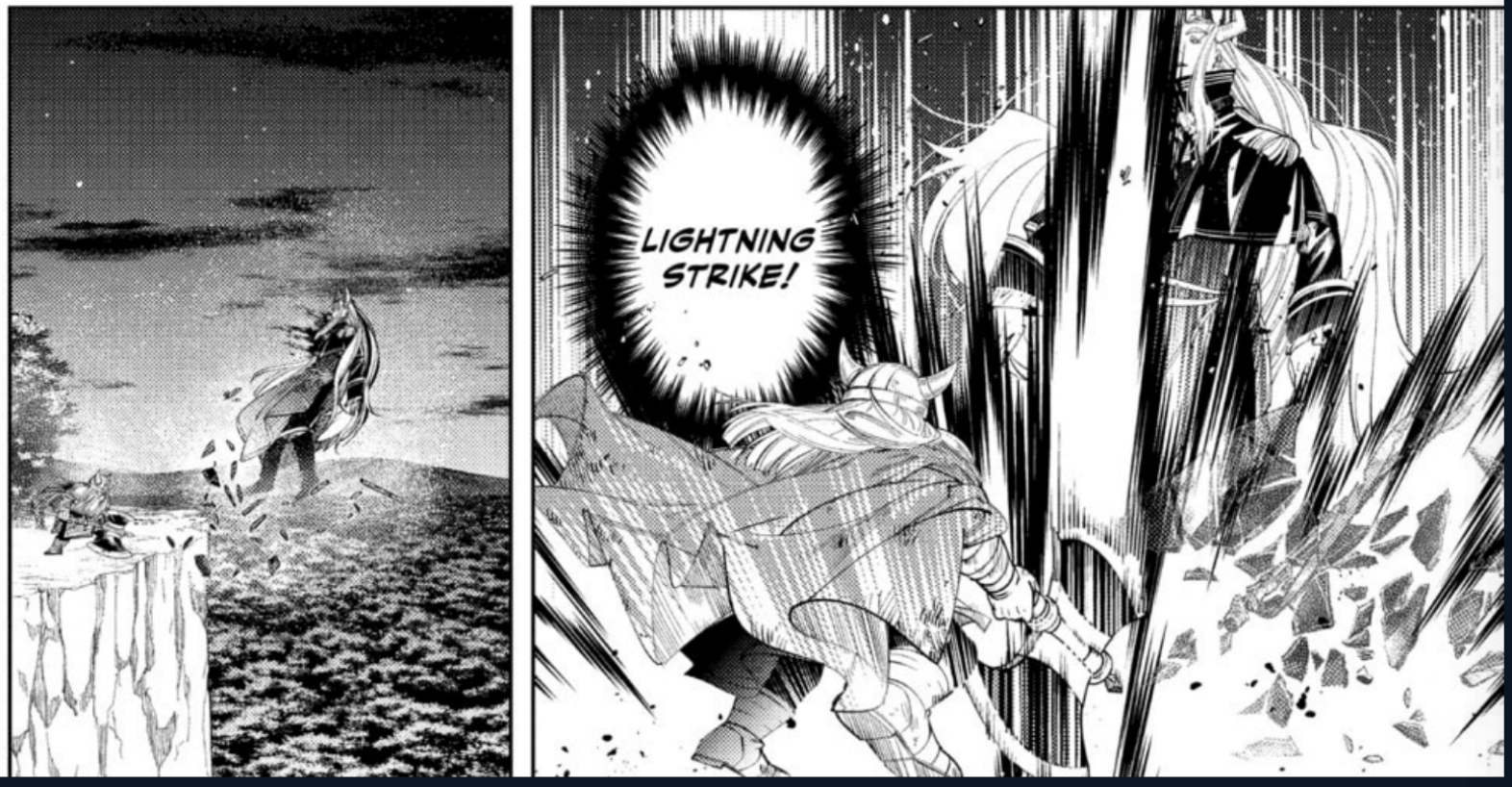
WARRIORS WITHOUT FEAR ARE DESTINED TO DIE ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE WARRIOR.

YOU MUST HAVE RISEN TO MUCH GREATER HEIGHTS THAN I HAVE.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
OTHER-WISE YOU WOULDN'T SAY SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

YOU AREN'T MOVING.

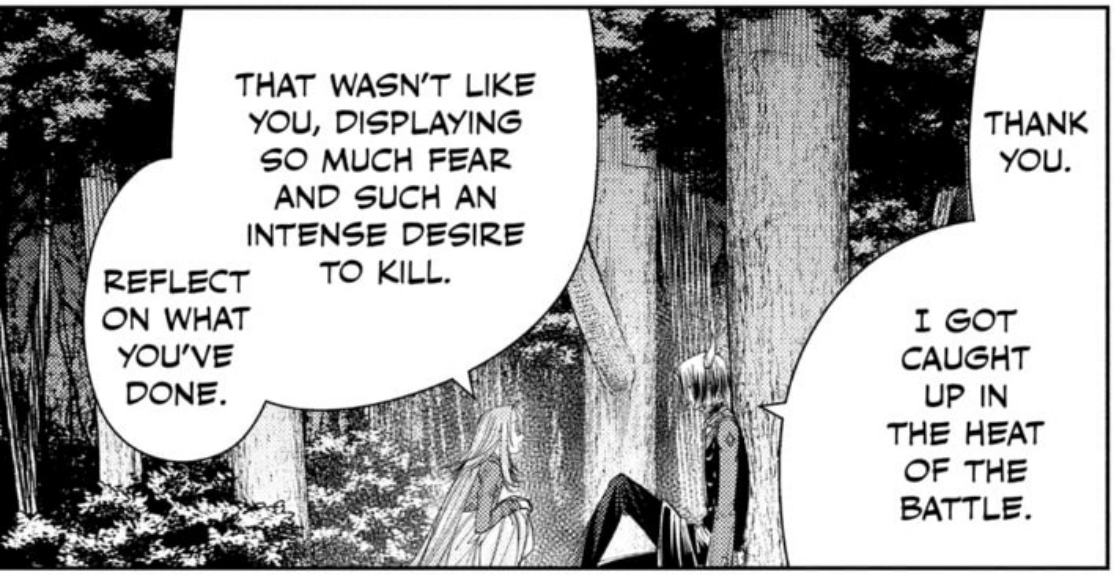
IT'S NOT THAT I'M THE STRONGEST.
IT'S THAT ALL THE OTHER WARRIORS OF MY GENERATION SIMPLY ENDED UP DEAD.


LIGHTNING STRIKE!

BRAVO.

I HAVEN'T HAD SUCH AN ENJOYABLE FIGHT FOR A LONG TIME.
I ADMIRE THE KIND OF VALOR THAT CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH FEAR.

SORRY.
THE BOSS ORDERED ME TO RETREAT.
THIS ISN'T WHERE I DIE.


THAT WASN'T LIKE YOU, DISPLAYING SO MUCH FEAR AND SUCH AN INTENSE DESIRE TO KILL.
REFLECT ON WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
THANK YOU.
I GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE.

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NOW...
YOU DID LEARN SOMETHING, DIDN'T YOU?

GET TO THE POINT.
I'M LOSING INTEREST.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS?

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